

Letter and Declaration of the Nobility and
Gentry of the County of

Y O R K.

T O H I S

E X C E L L E N C Y

The Lord Generall MONCK.

The L E T T E R.

My Lord,

WE find our selves constrained by writing, to supply the Omission of acquainting your Lordship with our thoughts and desires when you passed through our County, which we had then done, if upon so short notice, we could have met for a mutual Understanding: Your Lordship will find in the inclosed Declaration the sum of our Apprehensions. We thought it not necessary to multiply particulars, but leave all other things to a duly constituted Parliament; neither have we been solicitous to multiply Subscriptions, trusting more to the weight of the Proposals than to the number of Subscribers; yet we may safely affirm this to be the sense of the generality of the County, as your Lordship sees it is of others. We have only to add the earnest desires to your Lordship, That you would be pleased to further the Accomplishment of what we have represented, with as reasonable speed, as that the fear of Friends, and the hopes of Enemies concerning a dangerous Confusion amongst us, may be prevented.

The D E C L A R A T I O N.

WE being deeply sensible of the grievous Pressures under which we lye, and the extream dangers whereunto we are exposed at this time, through the violent alteration of our Government, the Multiplication and Interruption of Parliaments: And having no Representatives to expresse or remedy our Grievances, have thought meet (according to the example of other Counties) to Declare and Desire, That if the Parliament begun NOVEMBER the third, 1640. be yet continued, The Members that were seclused in the year 1648. be forthwith restored to the exercise of their Trust, and all Vacancies may be filled up, that Right maybe done to their Persons, to Parliaments, and the People that have chosen them. If otherwise, That a Parliament may be presently called, without imposing of Oaths or Engagements, (the greatest prejudice to Civil or Christian Liberty) or requiring any Qualifications, save what by Law or Ordinance of Parliament before the Force in 1648. are already established. And, untill this, or One of these be done, We cannot hold our selves obliged to pay the Taxes that are, or shall be, imposed on us, We not enjoying the Fundamentall Rights of this Nation to consent to our own Laws by equal Representatives.

Tho. Lord Fairfax,	William Fairfax,	John Hotham,	Jo. Micklethwait,	James Moyser,
Lord Fawconberge,	William Osberton,	Thomas Slingsby,	Bryan Layton,	George Crane,
Bar. Bouchier,	Thomas Hutton,	Will. Cholmley,	Tho. Lovell,	John Peirson,
Sheriff.	Gustavus Boynton,	Mett. Robinson,	Vvil. Rokesby,	Tho. Yarborow,
	Har. Betheli,	Hen. Stapleton,	Rich. Levit,	Jo. Richard,
Christo. Wivill,	VWilliam Dawson,	George Matwood,	Roger Langly,	VV. Dalton,
Thomas Wharton,	Rob. Wivel,	Tho. Heblethwait,	Francis Boynton,	F. Driffeld,
Tho. Remington,	Nicholas Bethell,	Rob. Redman,	Hen. Cholmley,	VValter Bethel,
Tho. Harrison,	Jo. Ledger,	Rob. Belt,	John Dawny,	Wil. Woodver,
William Gee,	Henry Fairfax,	VV. Adams,	John Gibson,	Jo. Vavasor, &c.